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1. Seven JS tanks, coming from the direction of ZEHDENICK (N 54/U 70), were entrained at the TEMPLIN (N 54/U 81) railroad station on 12 October 1949. The train included several flatcars with side racks which were loaded with barked tree trunks (about 20 feet long and 12 inches in diameter). Truck [redacted] 25X1C was observed to haul more trunks.

23 October to 9 November 1949

2. a. Large-scale troop movements through DEUTSCH-BODEN, about six miles SSW of TEMPLIN (N 54/U 81), toward GRUNEWALD (N 54/U 80) started during the noon hours of 23 October 1949. Numerous tanks, guns, rocket launchers and trucks were observed.

b. It was learned in early November 1949 that the KANNENBURG troop training grounds near TEMPLIN had been vacated. Only a construction unit had remained there to enlarge the troop training grounds. The units which departed from the troop training grounds were allegedly stationed in the EBERSWALDE (N 53/V 08) - FURSTENBERG (N 54/U 52) area and in eastern Mecklenburg.

c. The following motor vehicles passed through VOGELSANG (N 54/U 70) on 2 November 1949 and proceeded toward TEMPLIN:

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d. The following motor vehicles passed through VOGELSANG on 3 November 1949, going towards ZEHDENICK:

25X1C [redacted] passenger car
truck
passenger car.

e. The following convoys left the troop training grounds towards GROSS-DOELLN (N 53/U 80) on 4 November 1949:

(1) Convoy of about 20 trucks with 25X1C [redacted] series, carrying quartering equipment and troops.

25X1C [redacted]

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25X1C (2) Convoy of six to eight trucks [redacted] the 25X1A [redacted] carrying quartering equipment and troops.

25X1C (3) Convoy of 8 to 10 [redacted] series (including [redacted] carrying troops and quartering equipment.

f. Truck convoys hauling quartering equipment and towing some guns and field kitchens proceeded in the same direction on [redacted]

25X1C [redacted]

g. No motor vehicle traffic was seen on Goellner Chaussee and on the road leading from VOGELSANG to the K[redacted]BURG troop 25X1C camp between 6 and 9 November 1949.

[redacted] Early November 1949

3. It was learned in early November 1949 that large-scale deforesting work was to be done in the ALT PLACHT (N 54/U 72) area. The work was to start on 9 November 1949 and be completed on 1 April 1950 at the latest. A first order to cut down the woods in an area of 3,500 acres was followed by an SMA order to cut down an additional 4,700 acres. An artillery range was allegedly to be established there.

25X1A [redacted] Comment:

a. The report confirms previous information that the maneuvers in the [redacted] area involved component units of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) (primarily the 6th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre)) and component units of the Second Gds Mecz Army (primarily the 12th Gds Tank Div).

b. These maneuvers were completed in late October 1949.

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